

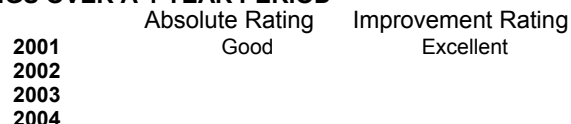
ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 76.

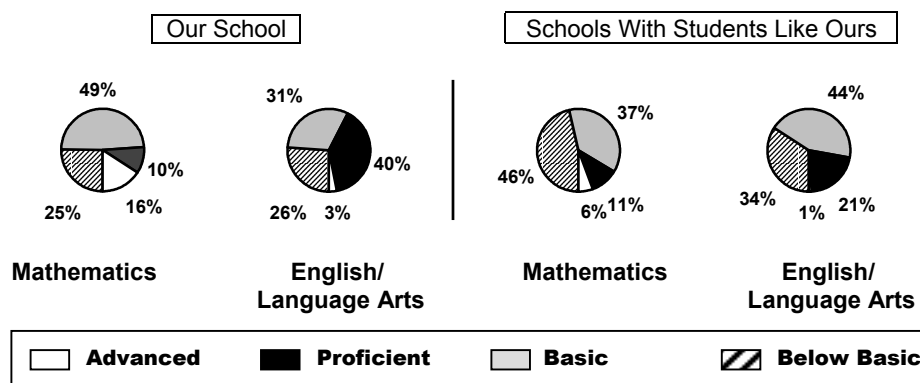
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=134)	73.9	74.6	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=125)	76	76.2		
Gender				
Male (n=74)	68.9	71.6		
Female (n=54)	85.2	81.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=75)	72	71.1		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=52)	80.8	82.7		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=93)	69.9	72.3		
Pay for lunch (n=35)	91.4	85.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,219	N/A	\$5,510	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88%	89.1%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	N/A	17.6 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=578)				
• Attendance Rate	95%	Up from 94.9%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.9%	N/A	6.4%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	6.9%	N/A	4.4%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.2%	Down from 98.6%	97%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	8%	Up from 5.6%	4.6%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=44)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.7 Days	Up from 9.6	8.4 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.6%	94.6%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	29.5%	Down from 32.6%	43.4%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	63.6%	Down from 69.8%	80%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.3%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.5%	Up from 81.4%	85.9%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,303	Up 1.2%	\$36,484	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.1%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	5	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	95.2%	N/A	92.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	50.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.2%	1.8%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	7.5%	Up from 2%	7.3%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Down from 8.2%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Pate Elementary School has experienced a year of continuous growth. The students have improved both academically and socially this school year. Our students participated in several service-oriented activities to help build character and community spirit.

The PTA raised funds for classroom sets, Accelerated Reader books and disks for the media center, and book sets for literacy groups. Students have shown improvements on Reading Recovery tests and the STAR assessment. We appreciate the work of our PTA and look forward to having their continuous involvement in our school.

Our teachers worked very hard this year. We instituted the first year of our school renewal plan. More teachers were able to attend professional development conferences and workshops which enabled them to implement new strategies in their classrooms.

Miss Denise Matthews was selected Teacher of the Year for our school. She was also selected as one of the five Honor Roll teachers in Darlington County School District. Miss Matthews will represent our school well at district functions.

Pate Elementary School's faculty began the implementation of Literacy Groups in English/language arts this school year. We believe this effort will strengthen our students' reading development. We implemented an after-school program this past year for third grade students. These additional educational opportunities and experiences provided our students with enrichment activities. Also, teachers began "Working on the Work," which is a different approach to totally planning and integrating the work designed for our students so that it will be more meaningful, engaging, and challenging.

Pate Elementary School continues to instill in students "Positive Attitudes That Educate."

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	90.5	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.5	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	67.4	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Pate Elementary
1010 Indian Branch Road
Darlington, SC 29532

Grades K-3 Elementary School

Enrollment: 578 Students

Principal

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Dr. Rainey H. Knight 843-398-5200

Board Chair

Dr. Allen McCutchen 843-332-2852

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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